

BOXING—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BASEBALL

The business of selling those Cubs is still uppermost in the minds of Chicago's sports. But today may see the actual sale of the Bruins and hot stovers will be left without ammunition.

In fact, Charlie Weeghman hopped on a midnight train for Cincinnati last night with a brand new certified check tucked away in an inside pocket. All that is lacking now is a receipt from C. P. Taft to make him boss of the West Side crew.

The wires from Cincinnati carried a story from Taft that the deal was "O. K." and couldn't hitch. Chicago money exclusively will be used in the purchase, Weeghman declared last night.

A slam at the hopes of those bugs who wanted J. Franklin Baker on third base of the Sox was the signing of George Moriarity of Detroit. Moriarity, although he has seen his best days, is better than anything the Sox now have for the third sack place.

The St. Louis deal, which sends the Browns into the hands of the Federal league owners of that city, was completed last night. Price was rumored at \$525,000. Felder Jones will be the manager of the new club.

Although the Maroons have not shown up as the best in the basket-tossing game they were good enough to romp away with a pair of contests with Armour institute at the South Side university gym last night.

Either the Maroons gained a lot in the last two weeks or the institute boys were very rotten, for the scores of the two games were 28 to 11 and 52 to 3. Clashes between the rival South Side schools usually result in close scores.

Illinois also had the coping spirit last night and the downstate boys took one from Wabash, 24 to 16.

The Wells-White scrap in Boston was a close and hot one. Wells got the decision over Charlie White, a Chicago boy, but so much argument

resulted that they were matched to fight again Jan. 18th in Beantown. The winner takes on Freddy Welsh for the big title.

Wells, none other than Matt Wells of England, was a favorite with the crowd when the battle started. He got away strong and held a lead over White for the first three rounds. Some heavy slams to the Englishman's beazer in the fourth evened things up. The battle was nip and tuck after that. But Wells got the decision.

International skating champion-ship contests are billed for Grant park on Jan. 28, 29 and 30. The Western Skating ass'n and I. A. C. will get together to stage the events.

Another six-day bike race is in store for the riding fans. It starts Feb. 2, according to Promoter T. P. Convey.

The Trib is sore because Old Man Frost didn't come across with some weather for the Trib's skating bee. An ice skating contest without ice is a quiet thing, to say the least. The Trib will probably correct this nuisance with a few bold editorials.

"Mysterious" Billy Smith, who was welterweight champion nearly 20 years ago, says he will re-enter the ring. He has actually gone into training.

Smith is 46, but says he can whip most present day fighters of his weight. He weighs 175.

"I don't need money," he says, "but I'd like to show up a few of these fellows. The difference between the fighting of the old days and the present day dancing will be apparent when I step into the ring."

When in his prime Smith, who now lives in Portland, Ore., would fight a buzz saw if it challenged him. He fought men of all weights and was one of the cleverest that ever pulled on a glove.

Smith was the first to defeat George (Kid) Lavigne, lightweight